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SUN 18TH OCT 2020 – TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

St Ignatius' Church

326 Church Street,
RICHMOND VIC 3121

Mass Times

Daily

12.00 noon
(Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri)

Saturday

6.00pm (Vigil)
7.00pm (Polish)

Sunday

9.30am (English)
12.00 noon (Polish)
5.30pm (Vietnamese)

Anointing of the Sick

1st Friday of the Month

St James' Church

162 Kent Street,
NORTH RICHMOND
VIC 3121

Mass Times

Sunday: 10.30am

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We respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin nation, as the traditional caretakers of the land which is the Richmond Catholic Parish. We acknowledge the Elders, past & present. May we, too, be good stewards of this land.

14-20 October National Poverty Week 17 Oct International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

It is easy to think about poverty as a huge problem, too big to solve and so not worth thinking about. We let it slip into the back of our minds. National Poverty Week and the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty encourage us to go beyond this view to recognise that it touches ourselves.

This change of attitude is especially urgent in the year of Coronavirus. Australia entered this year with many of our people already on the edge of poverty through shamefully low unemployment benefits and through insecure casual employment. The need to keep safe from the virus has cost many people their work, and if they do not receive decent support from the Government they and their families will struggle to eat, to find housing and to live decent lives connected with society. Poverty next year will not be something out there, but something that we will brush up against in our families and in our local streets.

This year, too, poverty has become personal. It is not a problem but wears the faces of people whom we know, have met or whom we see and hear through the media. Poverty could wear the face of ourselves, of our children. Poverty Week, of course, reminds us that this has always been the case: poverty is always about people and their suffering, and only secondly about statistics and economic settings. It is about hunger, anxiety about where the next meal will come from for ourselves and our children, shame at not being able to afford the money needed for our daughter's school camp, the humiliation of spending nights in the family car while seeking accommodation.

As we reflect on the human cost of poverty we are reminded that human flourishing is about enlarged possibility – to live, to have access to medical care, to build new relationships, to find work, to travel, to study, to join community groups, to develop our talents. Poverty is about the loss of possibility.

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A Jesuit Parish Our Missions

We share responsibility to: Practise and promote gospel values, recognise and respond to the ever-changing needs of the community and foster a faith that leads to justice. As a parish open to change desiring to be a community, we strive to live the gospel values of: Diversity, Hospitality and Inclusivity.

OUR PRIESTS

Fr Huy Nguyen Viet SJ PP

Fr Michael Smith SJ

MEDITATIONS ON GOD'S LOVE

* "I have found the paradox, that if you love until it hurts, there can be no more hurt, only more love."

* "We shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do."

* "Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service."

* "The most terrible poverty is loneliness, and the feeling of being unloved."

* "If you judge people, you have no time to love them."

Mother Teresa

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to
people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we
adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your
great glory, Lord God, Heavenly King, O God,
almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take
away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; You take
away the sin of the world, receive our prayer; You are
seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on
us. For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the
Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with
the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING

Is 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his
countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the
sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

(Đ) Hãy dâng Chúa quyền lực và vinh quang.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

SECOND READING

1 Thes 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God
for you all, and constantly remember before God our
Father how you have shown your faith in action,
worked for love and persevered through hope, in our
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you
have been chosen, because when we brought the Good
News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as
power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

CÂU XUỐNG TRƯỚC PHÚC ÂM

A-lê-lui-a, a-lê-lui-a!

Giữa thế gian, anh em phải chiếu sáng như những vì
sao trên vòng trời, là làm sáng tỏ lời ban sự sống.

A-lê-lui-a!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God
the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (ALL BOW) born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of

God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

**14-20 October National Poverty Week &
17 Oct International Day for the Eradication of
Poverty, continued.....**

We struggle to exist, we scrimp on health care, we move from place to place so that our children find it hard to learn and make friends, any work we have is insecure, we cannot explore our world, we lose friends and have only temporary acquaintances. We lose our names. And our nation loses its true wealth. At Jesuit Social Services we see the face in the vulnerable young people with whom we work. In their childhood many have been deprived of so much. Through our accompaniment that they may find possibilities.

That is the human face of poverty. Its healing is also expressed in human faces. The face of the person who stops to talk, who is interested in our lives, who can put us in touch with kind and generous people, with agencies we may not have known about, and who care for us as persons. That interest and affection is the first step to finding new possibilities.

Poverty, of course, also has a political face. Societies in which many people live in poverty while the wealth of the few increases have neglected their charge to care for the good of all their people, including especially the most vulnerable. Governments have the duty to ensure that all families, all people can live decent lives. Nations have the duty to ensure that prosperity is shared across the world, and that their own prosperity is not built on the poverty of others. Poverty is the fruit of selfishness. Its healing comes through solidarity.

Fr Andy Hamilton SJ

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Laudato Si: On care for our Common Home Pope Francis: (2015)

“Nature cannot be regarded as a something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live.”

PLEASE PRAY FOR

SICK: Kate Tynan, Paula Stuart, Darryl Stanton, Freda Paul, Margaret Jansen, Maria Paloglou, Bridget Moriarty, Peter West, Sue Kunath, Declan Ferguson, Michael Ryan, Mai Đăng, Veronica Nguyen, Thuy Hang Nguyen, Silvia Carly and Gail Sleigh, Yiannis Korkolis



A Prayer to St Joseph, the great protector

St Joseph,

You were receptive to God working in your life. Help us by your prayers at this time of trial. You kept Jesus and Mary under your watchful care: may your prayers assist our local church to respond to those in need. You taught the Christ Child your trade and prayers: help us to follow his example of love. You were part of God's plan for all humanity: assist us to be vigilant and responsible this day. You spent your life in service: may we be mindful of others, particularly elderly and vulnerable, caring for them in these difficult days. You trusted in the clear primacy of God over all history and every situation: help us to grow in faith and pray to the father,
Thy will be done.

Amen.

Heart of Life

'Meditation & Mindfulness - Reflection event via Zoom', Saturday 7 Nov 2020, 10am-1pm. Facilitated by Carol Dyer (B.A. (Psych), Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy Level 5 (Trainer), Cert. Spiritual Direction)

This event provides the opportunity to broaden your ways of accessing your inner world and listening to what God is inviting you to at this time. There will be some input to enable participants to learn some theory of meditation and mindfulness practices as well as time away from the Zoom screen for meditation and mindfulness practice.

Cost \$25.

Bookings and payment via Trybooking at <https://www.trybooking.com/663916> For more information, contact holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

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